REMARKS/ARGUMENT

The Preliminary Amendment is submitted to place the Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate page.

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APPENDIX A

"CLEAN" VERSION OF EACH PARAGRAPH/SECTION/CLAIM
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(ii) AND (c)(i)

CLAIMS:

5. The therapeutic method according to claim 1, in which every pharmaceutically effective dose is 0.5 cubic centimeters of the compound according to claim 1 for the interphalangeal and wrist joints.

APPENDIX B

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(iii) AND (c)(ii)

CLAIMS:

5. The therapeutic method according to claim 1, in which every pharmaceutically effective dose is 0.5 cubic centimeters of the compound according to claim 1 for the interphalangeal and wrist joints.

[SUMMARY

This invention is related to the use of the compound formed by sodium hyaluronate and sodium chondroitin sulfate for the treatment of chondral lesions in osteoarthritis. This invention is particularly addressed to the new medical second use of the above mentioned compound, in which sodium chondroitin sulfate is the most important part of the Agreecan molecule, that induces the regeneration of the cartilage by acting as an artificial matrix. The absence of risks of the compound is proven by the description of the product, which states that it has no side effects reported for its intraocular use.

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Figures 1-6.]